

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 479 – SB 608

March 13, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes the “Cumberland Regional Business and Agribusiness Marketing Authority” (CRBAMA) as a local government unit and provides directives, authority and procedures for governance to effectuate its stated goal of furthering the economy and growth of the business and agricultural industry of the region. The Authority would encompass Anderson, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, and Scott Counties. Objectives outlined in the bill include establishment of a local wastewater authority, a farmers market and a business incubator.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004221): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes the “Cumberland Regional Business and Agribusiness Marketing Authority” (CRBAMA) as a local government unit and provides directives, authority and procedures for governance to effectuate its stated goal of furthering the economy and growth of the business and agricultural industry of the region. The Authority would encompass Anderson, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Loudon, Morgan, Roane and Scott Counties. Objectives outlined in the bill as amended are to establish a farmers market, support start-up industries, and support business incubators. Removes from the original bill, the establishment of a local wastewater authority.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The bill authorizes but does not require action on the part of local governments to create such an authority.
- The fiscal impact to local government for this bill as amended is dependent on several unknown factors such as the number of programs that will be created under the

Authority, the size of any program created, the size of any farmers markets created, the type of assets held, and the level of support provided to the incubators and start-up businesses. Given the extent of unknown factors, determining a precise impact for local governments is difficult. While expenditures for the bill as amended may be lower than expenditures for the original bill, due to the removal of provisions related to the establishment of a wastewater authority, the permissive and recurring increase in local expenditures is still reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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